



RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1969

by the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and the
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH

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Councillor Mrs. A. Young

BUILDING & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:

Clr. E.O. Stokes

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* D.J. Fryer, C.C.	Mrs. L. Wyatt

* Since Deceased

Medical Officer of Health

F. Seymour, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for Middlewich Urban District Council, Northwich Urban District Council, Runcorn Urban District Council, Winsford Urban District Council, Runcorn Rural District Council.

and Divisional Medical Officer to
the Mid-Cheshire and Runcorn Divisions.

Chief Public Health Inspector

J.S. Carrie, M.R.S.H.	Cert. R.S.I., Cert R.S.I. Meat & Food Insp. Cert. San. Science. Cert. Smoke Insp & Boiler House Management. Hon Cert. Hygiene, R.I. Public Health and Hygiene.
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Other Appointments	Cleansing Superintendent and Transport Officer.
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Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector.

W.P. Musgrave	Cert. R.S.I.
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Additional Public Health Inspectors.

R.D. Clarke	Cert. R.S.I., Cert R.S.H. Meat & Food Insp; H.N.C. (Building Construction)
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B. Marsland (appointed 1.4.69)	Cert. R.S.I., Cert R.S.H. Meat & Food Insp. Cert. Meat & Food Liverpool University. Cert. San. Science. Diploma of R.S.H. Smoke Inspector. Cert. in Smoke Abatement. Liverpool University, Part II Testamur Inst. Public Cleansing.
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A.R. Chesworth (appointed 1.5.69)	Diploma of P.H.I. Educ. Board.
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H.R. Worsley (Retired)	
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Pupil Public Health Inspector

D.J. Uden.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF NORTHWICH

Telephone No.:
Northwich 3961

County Offices,
Watling Street,
Northwich,
Cheshire.

20th November, 1970

TO: the Chairman and Members of the
Northwich Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of Dr. Seymour your Medical Officer of Health for 1969, I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for that year.

For the information of members I enclose a copy of the Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I am sure Dr. Seymour would wish me to express his appreciation to Mr. Carrie and the Council's Chief Officers for their co-operation and help during the year. I should also specifically mention here Mr. H.R. Worsley, who retired in February, 1969 after thirty eight years service.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

J. E. O'Malley

Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL STATISTICS 1968/69

	Year	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Population	41,660	42,230
Area	57,017 acres	
Rateable Value (1st April, 1969)	£1,362,546	£1,416,162
Product of ld. rate	£5,774	£6,125
Estimated number of dwellings	14,367	14,483

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Crude Rate for E. & W.</u>
Legitimate	300	295	595	
Illegitimate	12	17	29	
Total live births	<u>312</u>	<u>312</u>	<u>624</u>	

Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population	14.8	
Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability factor 1.06)	15.7	16.3
(Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births)	5.0	8

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Crude Rate for E. & W.</u>
<u>Still Births</u>	3	5	8	
<u>Live & Still Births</u>	315	317	632	
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births			13.0	13.0

<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 Year of age.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	6	6	12
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>13</u>

<u>Infant Mortality Rates</u>		<u>E. & W.</u>
Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	21	18.0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births)	18	12.0
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births)	18	10.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	30	23.0
Deaths due to pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	NIL	

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>E. & W.</u>
All Causes	246	210	456	
Death rate per 1,000 population			10.8	
Corrected death rates per 1,000 population (Comparability factor 1.20)			13.0	11.9

NOTE: The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases.	-	1	1
2. Other tuberculosis incl. late effects.	1	1	2
3. Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity etc.	3	1	4
4. Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus.	3	-	3
5. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	3	2	5
6. Malignant neoplasm, intestine.	6	4	10
7. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	14	3	17
8. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	10	10
9. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	3	3
10. Malignant neoplasm, prostate	3	-	3
11. Leukaemia.	-	2	2
12. Other malignant neoplasms.	13	11	24
13. Benign and unspecified neoplasms	2	1	3
14. Diabetes mellitus	1	1	2
15. Other endocrine etc. diseases	2	-	2
16. Other diseases of nervous system etc.	3	2	5
17. Chronic rheumatic heart disease	3	4	7
18. Hypertensive disease.	3	7	10
19. Ischaemic heart disease.	58	44	102
20. Other forms of heart disease.	13	20	33
21. Cerebrovascular disease.	35	38	73
22. Other diseases of circulatory system	11	14	25
23. Influenza	1	3	4
24. Pneumonia	12	5	17
25. Bronchitis and emphysema.	19	7	26
26. Asthma	-	1	1
27. Other diseases of respiratory system	4	2	6
28. Peptic ulcer.	2	2	4
29. Intestinal obstruction and hernia.	-	2	2
30. Cirrhosis of liver	2	-	2
31. Other diseases of digestive system.	-	1	1
32. Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	4
33. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
34. Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	2	3
35. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
36. Birth injury, difficult labour etc.	5	1	6
37. Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	4	5
38. Symptoms and ill defined conditions	2	1	3
39. Motor vehicle accidents	4	-	4
40. All other accidents	11	4	15
41. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	1	1	2
42. All other external causes	1	2	3
	<u>246</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>456</u>

SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area are given in the Appendix to this Report, and further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Officer at the County Offices, Watling Street, Northwich, Telephone No. Northwich 3961.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Northwich Rural District, apart from Tarporley, lies within the Manchester Regional Hospital Board's area, whose offices are at Cheetwood Road, Manchester 8. Telephone No. Deansgate 6441; Tarporley being within the Liverpool Regional Hospital Board's area whose offices are at Pearl Assurance House, 55 Castle Street, Liverpool 2. Telephone No. Central 8464.

(3) GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES.

The District lies within the area of the Cheshire Executive Council, whose offices are at 28, Nicholas Street, Chester. Telephone No: Chester 23158.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at the County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring Northwich Depot - Telephone No. Northwich 3355.

S E C T I O N I I I

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

SECTION 47

It was not found necessary to take action under this section during the year.

S E C T I O N I V

PREVELANCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIONOUS DISEASES

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the years 1968 and 1969

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Cases notified</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Food Poisoning	1	-
Measles	398	22
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-
Pneumonia	4	-
Scarlet Fever	20	49
Tuberculosis, respiratory	4	1
Tuberculosis, non-respiratory	-	1
Whooping Cough	4	-
Infectious Hepatitis	3	2
Dysentery	-	1
Meningitis	-	1

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Statement of Inspections made and Notices issued

	No.	Informal Notices		Formal Notices	
		Issued	Complied With	Issued	Complied With
<u>GENERAL ENVIRONMENT</u>					
Dwelling Houses, Housing Acts.	528	6	-	41	43
Dwelling Houses, Public Health Act.	88	10	4	-	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act	291	8	8	-	-
Improvement Grants	95	-	-	-	-
Caravan Sites	21	-	-	-	-
Infectious Diseases	17	-	-	-	-
Disinfection of Premises	3	-	-	-	-
Disinfestation of Premises	36	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Accom. & Public Conveniences	24	-	-	-	-
Drainage, Septic Tanks etc.	232	8	3	-	-
Water Courses and Ditches	30	-	-	-	-
Water Supply	11	-	-	-	-
Effluvium Nuisances & Offensive Accumulations	21	2	3	-	-
Refuse Collection, Disposal and Tips	1035	2	-	-	-
Rodent Control	325	-	-	-	-
Keeping of Animals	6	-	-	-	-
Animal Boarding Establishments	19	3	3	-	-
Intensive Farming Practices	47	-	-	-	-
Air Pollution and Smoke Observations	100	1	-	-	-
Schools	22	2	-	-	-
Swimming Baths	4	-	-	-	-
Canal Boats	3	-	-	-	-
Hairdressing Establishments	5	-	-	-	-
Gypsy Encampments	43	9	8	-	-
Abandoned Vehicles	138	1	3	5	5
Education	21	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Visits and Interviews	248	-	-	-	-
Student Education	2	-	-	-	-
Transport Administration	85	-	-	-	-
Civic Amenities Act	164	17	16	-	-
Scrap Metal Dealers	2	-	-	-	-
<u>FOOD HYGIENE</u>					
Meat Inspection at Slaughterhouses	1007	-	-	-	-
Other Food Inspection	74	2	2	-	-
Butchers	85	16	4	-	-
Fishmongers	18	-	-	-	-
Grocers and Greengrocers	190	39	18	-	-
Bakehouses	51	8	2	-	-
Confectioners	1	1	-	-	-
Fried Fish Shops	13	-	-	-	-
Licensed Premises, Hotels & Restaurants	52	1	-	-	-
Poultry Packing Station	326	4	3	-	-
General (Sweets etc.)	6	-	-	-	-
Ice-cream Manufacturers and Dealers	7	-	-	-	-
Dairies and Milk Dealers	12	-	-	-	-
Vehicles delivering Milk and Food	52	20	13	-	-
Canteens	8	1	1	-	-
Open Air Sporting Events	7	3	3	-	-
Food & Drugs Administration	71	1	1	-	-
Brucellosis	6	-	-	1	1
Food Manufacturing Premises	4	1	1	-	-
Slaughterhouse Inspections	12	6	4	-	-
<u>FACTORIES</u>					
Factories - Power	25	4	4	-	-
Factories - Non Power	-	-	-	-	-
Building Sites	5	2	2	-	-
<u>SAMPLING</u>					
Water	68	2	-	-	-
Milk	4	-	-	-	-
Ice-cream	1	-	-	-	-
Meat and Other Foods	10	-	-	-	-
Specimens in connection with Infectious Diseases	18	-	-	-	-

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

There were no accidents notified, although it is felt, possibly some did occur.

It is most probable that many employers are reluctant to report accidents, feeling perhaps a reprisal, in case they are shown responsible or negligent for any injury incurred. The primary reason for requiring notification is, of course, to establish the cause of the accident, so as to prevent a recurrence, and not to assess blame.

The following is an extract of the statutory return to H.M. Inspector of Factories:-

TABLE A
Registration and General Inspection

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Registered During Year	Total No. Registered premises at the end of year.	No. of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.
Offices	15	27	23
Retail Shops	5	93	93
Wholesale shops and warehouses	-	-	-
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	27	27
Fuel storage depots	-	-	-
TOTAL	21	147	143

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises - 291

TABLE C

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	207
Retail Shops	309
Wholesale Departments and Warehouses	-
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens	193
Fuel Storage Depots	-
TOTAL	709

Males 290

Females 419

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948

Part 1 of the Act

Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecuted
Factories with mechanical power	121	25	4	-
Factories without mechanical power ...	6	-	-	-
Other Premises	*8	5	2	-
TOTALS	135	30	6	-

*this total includes 7 sites where building operations **are** being carried out.

Cases in which defects were found:-

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of Cleanliness	3	3	-	2	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	2	2	-	2	-
Ineffective Drainage of Floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to outwork).	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	6	-	4	-

WATER SUPPLY

Supplied by:-

Mid Cheshire Water Board,
The Grange,
Hartford.

Telephone - Northwich 74263

<u>No. of samples taken during the year</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
By N.R.D.C.	3	2
By Water Board	96	-

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The following statement, for which I am indebted to Mr. J.B. Birtwistle, the Engineer and Surveyor to the Council, sets out the main drainage schemes of the Council:-

Crowton

The whole of the work of providing a new sewerage system and sewage Disposal Works for the village of Crowton was completed and brought into operation and various properties were connected to the new system.

Cuddington

The re-construction of the Cuddington Sewage Disposal Works was completed. There was also completed the construction of a separate private unit for the treatment of waste material from the Eden Vale Factory of Express Dairies Limited, all of which have brought about a tremendous improvement of conditions in Cuddington Brook.

Utkinton

The new Sewage Disposal Works was completed and brought into service.

Comberbach

The designs of the proposed extensions to the Sewage Disposal Works were completed and submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. The enlarged Works will be capable of dealing with a part of the Runcorn Rural District. By the end of the year, however, no decision from the Ministry had been received.

Davenham - Mereheath

The details for the reconstruction and enlargement of the pumping station at Mereheath, necessary because of the large housing development proceeding in the Village of Moulton, was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for approval. By the end of the year, however, no decision had been received.

Oakmere - Crabtree Caravan Drainage Scheme

Further work was done in connection with this scheme, including planning application for the site of the pumping station, negotiations with the Forestry Commission, etc., and there is every hope that early in 1970 this work will proceed.

Lostock Gralam

Further design work was proceeded with in connection with proposals for a complete new Sewage Disposal Works, and early in the new year this work would be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Tarporley

It was not possible to do any further work on the design and the improvement required to the sewerage system, and the new Sewage Disposal Works, because no final decision was arrived at in connection with the Village Plan, and, therefore, there was no definite information as to where the new housing development to be provided would be located.

Improvements proposed to the sewerage system to serve the easterly part of Barnton were further investigated, and in connection with the proposal to centralise sewage disposal for Hartford, Rudheath, and Davenham, at Davenham, some further investigation work was possible.

CLOSET CONVERSION - Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47 (iv)

One closet conversion grant was paid during the year.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The Cesspool Emptiers dealt with 461 septic tanks and cesspools and at the same time maintained a weekly nightsoil collection.

CLEANSING SERVICE

The service improved during the year and all premises received a more regular collection. If this progress is maintained the object of achieving a weekly collection throughout the area will be forthcoming. A retrogress factor to the service has always been the retention of an adequate labour force, in particular, reliable drivers.

The paper sack system of refuse collection was introduced into Tarporley and it proved itself very popular with householder and collector alike.

A total of 3,110 loads of refuse (approx. 12,500 tons) was collected and disposed of at the tip in Daleford Lane, Marton.

The fleet consists of:-

4 Eagle 75 cubic yard Crushloaders	1 Bedford 5 ton Lorry
3 Dennis Paxits	1 Bristol Bulldozer
2 Dennis Sideloaders	2 Dennis Cesspool Emptiers
1 Dempster Dumpster	

The labour force employed by the Department consists of:-

1 General Foreman	1 Salvage Baler
1 Deputy Foreman	12 Drivers
1 Bulldozer Operator	25 Labourers

The regular servicing of all the Council's vehicles has been carried out by the Vehicle Maintenance Department. Two full-time engineers are employed on this work.

Under the Municipal Bin Hire Scheme, 257 bins have been provided.

SALVAGE

The total amount of salvage collected during the year was as follows:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.
Paper	477	10	-	-
Textiles	1	4	2	-

The total amount realised from the sale of all salvaged materials was £5018.

RECORD OF SALVAGE OF WASTE
MATERIALS SINCE INCEPTION.

Year	Paper			Textiles			Scrap Iron, etc.			Miscellaneous			Total Value £
	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	T.	C.	Q.	
1940/60	5121.	10.	2.	264.	110.	-.	720.	11.	1.	57.	17.	2.	49,988
1961	317.	-.	3.	3.	6.	2.		3.	1.				2,847
1962	259.	13.	3.	1.	13.	3.			1.				2,311
1963	361.	13.	3.	3.	4.	1.							3,133
1964	436.	17.	-.	4.	1.	3.							3,839
1965	513.	13.	2.	4.	2.	-.							4,782
1966	574.	14.	2.	4.	18.	3.							5,442
1967	554.	18.	1.	4.	-.	3.							4,943
1968	499.	5.	3.	2.	10.	3.				1.	1.		4,689
1969	477.	10.	-.	1.	4.	2.							5,018
	9116.	17.	3.	293.	13.	-.	720.	14.	3.	57.	18.	3.	86,992

OPERATION SPRINGCLEAN.

This voluntary campaign designed to keep our towns, villages and countryside free from rubbish and litter was launched in 1968 and due to its national success the organisers decided to continue it another year. The Keep-Britain Tidy Group also promoted a National No-Litter Week for the whole of the week commencing July 20th.

Despite circularisation of the campaigns to Parish Councils and other local organisations and the multifarious publicity given by the national press, radio and television, only minor interest was shown by our residents. The Council's offer to organise the volunteers and to provide transport and bulk containers for collected refuse received little response and, as in the previous year, the Department was obliged to undertake the necessary work virtually unaided. Sites at Kennel Wood, Sandiway; Marbury Lane, Marbury; Shipbrook Road, Rudheath; Blue Bell Wood, Whatcroft; Oulton Park Common, Little Budworth; Hall Lane, Lostock Gralam and Crowders Lane, Rudheath, were cleared of rubbish, unwanted household furniture, parts of old motorcars etc. involving some 25 vehicular loads to the tip. At 3 of the sites deterrent action became necessary to prevent recurrence of the indiscriminate tipping and this was achieved by creating 3-4ft. soil banks across the various accesses on to the land. 'No Tipping' notices were provided by the owners of the land at 3 different locations after they had been tidied up.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967.

To fulfil the Council's duty under Section 18, with regard to the provision of refuse dumps, bulk refuse containers have been placed at the following sites:-

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. Allstock | - Site off Chapel Lane. |
| 2. Barnton | - Meadow Drive Garage Site. |
| 3. Cuddington | - Blake Lane Garage Site. |
| 4. Davenham | - Mount Pleasant Road Garage Site. |
| 5. Hartford | - Church Hall (withdrawn 1.6.70). |
| 6. Hartford | - Stones Manor Lane Garage Site. |
| 7. Hartford | - Whitehall, School Lane. |
| 8. Lostock Gralam | - Townshend Road Garage Site. |
| 9. Marston | - New Budworth Estate, Site off Manor Road. |
| 10. Marton | - Dalefords Lane Tip entrance. |
| 11. Moulton | - Barlow Road Garage Site. |
| 12. Oakmere | - Bowyer's Waste, Garage Site. |
| 13. Rudheath | - Central Drive Maintenance Depot. |
| 14. Tarporley | - Community Centre. |
| 15. Weaverham | - Briar Lane Garage Site. |
| 16. Weaverham | - Cherry Lane Garage Site. |
| 17. Weaverham | - Farm Road Garage Site. |
| 18. Wincham | - John Fryer Avenue, Communal Garage Site. |

Residents are permitted to dispose of any refuse which is not collected in the usual way (garden refuse, etc.) into the containers. The Council's refuse tip is also open from Monday to Saturday, during normal working hours, in order that residents can dispose of any type of refuse, including unwanted motor cars, etc. The free collection service of bulky items of household refuse such as old refrigerators, washing machines, furniture, etc. continued to be operated, on request.

Thirty-seven motor vehicles and two caravans which appeared to have been abandoned were dealt with in accordance with the Act. Eight vehicles were removed and destroyed as being 'without value'; seven vehicles having 'some value' were taken into the Council's yard for safe keeping and were later, either sold by tender to the highest offer or recovered by their owners on payment of the statutory charges; and the remaining vehicles were removed by their owners within the prescribed time limit specified in the notice served on them.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE

The Rodent Operative has carried out 1,375 operational visits in the treatment of 456 premises. A 'free service' treatment to dwellinghouses is carried out and the treatment of business premises is under the terms of contracts between the Council and occupiers. The total income from this service amounted to £332. Other premises are cleared of rodents on a rechargeable basis.

A survey was carried out of the Council's sewers and during this work 110 manholes were test baited and only 8 gave evidence of infestation. The treatment of these manholes was carried out in accordance with the Ministry procedure.

In addition, the Rodent Operative makes regular inspections of the Council's Sewerage Works and Tip.

The types of poisons used in control work are as follows:-

Warfarin Nos. 1 & 5	Dwelling-houses
Zinc Phosphide	Isolated tips and sewers
Arsenic	Isolated tips and sewers

	Type of Property	
	Non agriculture	Agricultural
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	310	2
Number infested by (i) Rats	240	2
(ii) Mice	52	-
Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.	88	55
Number infested by (i) Rats	84	54
(ii) Mice	36	52

INSECT PESTS

Most complaints of insect infestation received and dealt with have been for ants and wasps nests. All disinfestations are carried out free of charge.

SWIMMING BATHS

There has been no change during the year as to swimming baths to which the general public has access. One or two more small baths at private houses were constructed.

CARAVAN SITES

The following schedule gives the position Parish by Parish of caravan sites divided between recreational, residential and mixed sites:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Recreational</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Mixed</u>
Acton Bridge	2	2	-
Allostock	-	4	1
Barnton	1	-	-
Crowton	1	-	-
Delamere	2	3	-
Little Budworth	1	-	1
Marston	-	1	-
Marton	1	2	1
Moulton	-	2	-
Nether Peover	1	-	-
Oakmere	-	3	3
Rushton	-	4	-
Weaverham	1	8	-
Wincham	-	1	-

GYPSIES AND OTHER ITINERANT TRADERS

The necessity to secure permanent sites in the County was once again clearly emphasised and considerable time was spent in moving on these types of people from various localities, usually in co-operation with the police. Roadside verges and lay-bys at Whatcroft, Lostock Gralam and Rudheath were frequented on several occasions, by up to 10 caravans at a time, and in late autumn a group containing 20 mobile homes was found to have taken over a part of the old Byley aerodrome. On each occasion vacation of site was achieved within a week. Often it was necessary to have the area cleared of refuse and other unwanted articles left by the itinerants and on two occasions treatment against rats became an essential duty.

43 specific visits were made dealing with this problem.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS

The following premises were granted a licence.

The Laurels, Acton Bridge. (Summer Months Only)
Franbett Kennels, Chester Road, Oakmere.
Hunt Hill Kennels, Chester Road, Marton.
Firth Field Kennels, King Street, Rudheath.
Mount Pleasant, The Yeld, Kelsall.
Sualane Kennels, Cotebrook.
Blue Grass Kennels, Little Leigh.
Yew Trees, Cuddington Bank (Summer Months Only)

A further application from a previously licensed premises at Davenham was voluntarily withdrawn after the applicant became aware of the large amount of work required to bring the buildings up to the required standard.

Each establishment was visited periodically to ensure that the various requirements of the Act were being strictly adhered to and collaboration with the County Fire Officer and the Local R.S.P.C.A. Inspector was maintained.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS

There are nine registered Scrap Metal Dealers within the district.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The sulphur dioxide and smoke recording apparatus at Pale Heights, Delamere, was removed in March following notification from the Warren Spring Laboratory of the Ministry of Technology that their National Survey of Air Pollution had been completed. The machine was in operation for five years and, according to the Director of the Laboratory, "yielded information of great value".

Towards the end of the year another site at Barnton was found to locate the apparatus and continue the readings and these will no doubt be invaluable to the Department when periodic discussions take place regarding the air pollution in that vicinity.

S E C T I O N VI

HOUSING

Routine inspections under the Housing Act during the year have resulted in seventeen houses being placed under Demolition Order, and four houses being officially closed.

Forty-three unfit houses were demolished by formal Housing Act procedure and one hundred and fifty two were demolished voluntarily.

	<u>Demolished</u>	<u>Private Houses</u> <u>built</u>	<u>Council Houses</u> <u>built</u>
ACTON BRIDGE	-	2	-
ALLOSTOCK	-	6	-
ANDERTON	-	1	-
BARNTON	2	35	-
BOSTOCK	-	-	-
BYLEY	-	1	-
COMBERBACH	-	-	-
CROWTON	-	-	4
CUDDINGTON	1	30	-
DARNHALL	-	1	-
DAVENHAM	-	2	26
DELAMERE	-	26	-
HARTFORD	-	82	-
LACH DENNIS	-	-	-
LITTLE BUDWORTH	1	-	-
LITTLE LEIGH	-	-	-
LOSTOCK GRALAM	6	21	-
MARBURY	*175	-	-
MARSTON	-	-	-
MARTON	-	1	-
MOULTON	9	31	-
NETHER PEOVER	-	-	-
OAKMERE	-	-	-
RUDHEATH	-	-	2
RUSHTON	-	-	-
SPROSTON	-	1	-
STANTHORNE	-	-	-
TARPORLEY	-	12	-
UTKINTON	-	4	-
WEAVERHAM	-	7	-
WHATCROFT	-	-	-
WIMBOLDSLEY	-	-	-
WINCHAM	1	3	-
	<u>195</u>	<u>266</u>	<u>32</u>

* this total refers to the temporary hutments on the Marbury Camp site.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Housing Improvement and Conversion - Housing Act, 1969

Joint inspections by the Public Health Department and the Surveyor's Department continue to be made of all dwellings which are the subject of application for grant aid. The new Housing Act which came into operation in August provides for increased financial assistance towards the cost of improving or converting dwelling-houses and three types of grant have now become available:-

1. Improvement Grants (replacing the original Discretionary Grant) with the maximum contribution increased to £1,000 (£1,200 in certain cases).
2. Standard Grants (for the provision of seven standard amenities) with the maximum contribution increased to £200 (£450 in certain cases).
3. Special grants (for the improvement of houses in multiple occupation).

Conditions were somewhat relaxed to further encourage owners to improve their properties and for the first time Improvement Grants can now include limited repair and replacement works needed for the purpose of making fully effective other improvement work, carried out at the same time.

The following applications have been dealt with:-

1. Number of applications received:

Improvement Grants	19
Standard Grants	29
Special Grants	NIL
2. Number of applications approved:

Discretionary Grants	19
Standard Grants	28
3. Number of applications refused:

Discretionary Grants	NIL
Standard Grants.	1
4. Number of applications where work has been completed.

Discretionary Grants	14
Standard Grants.	21
5. Expenditure involved:
 - (a) Approved expenditure ranking for grant:

Discretionary	£9,659. 15s. 5d.
Standard	£5,854. 2s. 11d.
 - (b) Total grants paid during the year:

Discretionary	£4,125. 17s. 8d.
Standard	£2,488. 16s. 10d.

HOUSING ACT, 1969

In addition to increasing the amounts payable for improvement grants this new legislation also contains provision

- (i) to amend the law regarding rents of certain dwellings in good repair and provided with certain amenities or improved with financial assistance from local authorities;
- (ii) to make further provisions for payments in respect of unfit houses;
- (iii) to confer powers on local authorities to improve living conditions by improving the amenities of areas; and
- (iv) to alter the legal standard of fitness of houses for human habitation and confer additional powers on local authorities to require the repair of dwellings.

A new document called a Qualification Certificate was introduced in the Act, which, when issued in respect of a dwellinghouse with a controlled tenancy, converts that tenancy into a regulated one.

Fifty-six applications were received for Qualification Certificates under Section 44(1) of the Act towards the end of the year and many more are anticipated in the future.

S E C T I O N VII

FOOD PREMISES

The following table gives particulars of premises concerned with the handling, preparation or sale of food:-

Butchers	28
Fishmongers	10
Grocers (including sweet shops)	143
Greengrocers	22
Bakehouses	13
Fried Fish Shops	10
Restaurants & cafes	16
Food preparing premises	
Schools, Factory canteens and Hospitals	40
Licensed premises	68
	<u>350</u>

The number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows:-

Ice-cream Manufacturers	1
Ice-cream Dealers	129
Premises used for the manufacture of sausage or meat pies	28
	<u>158</u>

FOOD COMPLAINTS

The following complaints were received by the Department.

Builder's plaster in bottle of milk.	Passed to Cheshire County Council's Health Department.
Mould on Chocolate Swiss Roll	Matter resolved informally with Manufacturers.
Report from neighbouring Authority that a laboratory examination of a cream cake sample taken in their district had revealed faecal coli in the cream.	Samples taken from factory - all proved satisfactory. No further action taken by this authority.
Letter from Scottish Burgh re beetle in yoghurt.	Matter taken up with Manufacturers. No action taken by this Authority.

MILK

Close liaison exists between this Department and the County Health Department in the control of Milk supplies within the area.

There are 61 premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations and 7 dairy herds from which milk is sold untreated to the public.

The following tables show the results of tests on samples of milk taken by the Cheshire County Council.

	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
1. Methylene Blue	268	4
2. Phosphatase	34	-
3. Turbidity	1	-

1. Measures the keeping quality of milk.
2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process.
3. Measures the efficiency of the Sterilising process.

		Bulk	Individual
Brucella	Negative (Satisfactory result)	77	-
Brucella	Positive	1	-
Tubercular	Negative (Satisfactory result)	5	-
Tubercular	Positive	-	-
Penicillin Levels	< .05iu (Satisfactory result)	72	-
Penicillin Levels	> .05iu	1	-

There have been no tests on samples of milk taken by the Rural District Council Public Health Department.

Brucellosis

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959

Only one incident of this disease occurred and that was at a farm at Crowton.

Notification that Brucella Organisms had been isolated in a routine bulk sample of milk was received from the County Medical Officer in October and a Regulation 20 Notice was served on the farmer. Subsequent individual sampling of all animals in the herd showed that three cows were Ring Test and Culture positive and five others were Ring Test positive only. The farmer was advised to seek the advice of his own Veterinary Officer with a view to the removal of all infected animals from his herd but so far, it appears that he has not done so, and the Notice remains in force. The milk from this farm is sent for pasteurisation.

CREAM

4 Samples taken by the County Council - All satisfactory.

10 Samples taken by the Health Department - All satisfactory.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947/52

The one ice-cream factory in the area has been visited and conditions there continue to be satisfactory. Informal sampling of the product submitted for laboratory test showed it to be provisional grade one.

COOKED MEATS

16 Samples were taken - all were satisfactory.

OTHER FOODS

The undernoted foods have been condemned by your Inspectors during the year as a result of requests made by shopkeepers and canteen supervisors in the area:-

34 lbs. Tinned meat
87 lbs. Fresh meat
50 lbs. Fresh offal (liver)
47 lbs. Tinned fruit
66 lbs. Tinned tomatoes
52 lbs. Smoked Fish Fillets
*319½ lbs. Various frozen foods
* 2 Gals Ice-cream.

*Due to refrigerator breakdown.

COUNTY COUNCIL WEIGHTS & MEASURES DEPARTMENT

I am indebted to Mr. J.C. Graham, Divisional Inspector, for the following information.

The number of samples taken in the Northwich Rural District during the year was 82 of which 3 were not up to the standard demanded. Details are as follows:-

Meat & Potato Pie	Contained a piece of printed label on a plastic base	Manufacturer cautioned.
Milk - U.F.B.	Deficient in fat to extent of 30%	Producer cautioned.
Vapour rub	Contained excess Menthol	Manufacturer cautioned.

In addition the following complaints were received:-

<u>From</u>	<u>Nature</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1. School	Straw in bottle of milk.	Bottler cautioned.
2. Private Purchaser.	Corned beef containing piece of bone.	Manufacturer cautioned.
3. Private Purchaser	Taste of tea.	Reported genuine by Public Analyst. No action.
4. Private Purchaser	Mouldy loaf containing foreign matter.	Baker cautioned.
5. Private Purchaser	Mouldy jam roll	Seller cautioned.
6. Private Purchaser	Loaf containing piece of wire.	Bakers fined £40.
7. Private Purchaser	Piece of wood in deep frozen steaklet	Manufacturer fined £25.
8. School	Milk containing 95.9% extraneous water.	Bottler fined £20.
9. School	Pieces of metal in stewed steak and gravy.	Packers cautioned.

MEAT INSPECTION

The four slaughterhouses in the area were re-licensed and altogether 1019 visits were paid to these establishments. A total of 16,445 carcasses was inspected and 12,743 lbs. of meat was condemned. Joint visits by one of the Inspectors and a Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, continued to be made at three monthly intervals and generally any contraventions found were quickly dealt with.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	2,292	668	6	10,436	3,043
Number inspected	2,292	668	6	10,436	3,043
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	-	5	10
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	399	120	-	618	78
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	17.5%	18.1%	-	6%	2.9%
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	0.13%	-	-	-	0.03%
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

SLAUGHTERMEN

Twenty licences were issued to competent slaughtermen for the slaughter of animals by the use of recognised humane killers.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

The total number of plants now being operated is eleven, all of which are inspected by the Department.

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT

None of the slaughterhouses possess facilities for sterilising condemned meat and arrangements have been made with contractors, outside the district, to collect and convey it to their works for treatment, in locked containers.

POULTRY PACKING STATION

During the year the new factory premises became operational and due to the improved layout which separates the killing and plucking of chickens from the evisceration and packing, the maintenance of satisfactory standards of hygiene was much easier. Following representations by the Department a new sanitary block was commenced in October which will provide improved facilities for the staff.

As a result of the increase in establishment of Public Health Inspectors it has been possible for an Inspector to visit the premises at least daily. This is a very necessary pre-requisite to the maintenance of satisfactory standards of hygiene and on-line poultry inspection. Particular attention has been paid to the maintenance of adequate levels of chlorine in the chilling tanks and, in addition to tests undertaken by the management, daily tests have been taken by the Department to determine the chlorine concentration. In addition weekly samples of water from the chilling tanks have been submitted to the Public Health Laboratory and this has turned out to be a very useful exercise. The Laboratory reports have shown that in spite of the maintenance of a relatively high concentration of chlorine the chill tank water has not always been up to the desired bacteriological standard, no doubt due to the particulate and organic nature of the contamination. This finding serves to emphasise the need to consider poultry (and also other table birds) in much the same light as the traditional view of the duck egg i.e. potentially infected but perfectly safe to eat if hygienically handled and well cooked.

DEEP FROZEN POULTRY

It is essential that this food should be thoroughly thawed out prior to cooking. Considerable correspondence has been undertaken with other local authorities on this subject in an attempt to persuade packing stations, who supply deep frozen poultry to this area, to enclose thawing and cooking instructions. A fair amount of success has been achieved following this action and a television programme drawing attention to the reluctance of some managements to include these very essential instructions on their products was very welcome. It is felt that the answer to this problem lies entirely in the hands of the general public. If they refuse to buy deep-frozen chickens that do not bear thawing and cooking instructions; and do not patronise shops that take deep frozen stock out of refrigeration prior to sale; or misuse their deep freezing units by overloading etc. then considerable progress will be made.

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| (i) Number of poultry processing premises within the district | - One |
| (ii) Number of visits to these premises | - 326 |
| (iii) Total number of birds processed during the year | - 1,784,286 |
| (iv) Types of birds processed. | - Broilers
and Capons |
| (v) Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption | - 0.9% |
| (vi) Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption | - 52,334 lbs. |
| (vii) Number of killing days | - 5 per week. |

WATER SUPPLIES

Number of dwellinghouses and population
supplied from Public Water Mains

Parishes	Direct to Houses	Population	By means of Standpipe.	Population.
Acton Bridge	237	692	-	-
Allostock	208	623	-	-
Anderton	152	443	-	-
Barnton	1710	4966	-	-
Bostock	40	116	-	-
Byley	48	136	-	-
Comberbach	240	646	-	-
Crowton	143	417	-	-
Cuddington	1374	4082	-	-
Darnhall	59	168	-	-
Davenham	979	2828	-	-
Delamere	476	1336	3	9
Hartford	1171	3482	-	-
Lach Dennis	92	267	-	-
Little Budworth	165	487	-	-
Little Leigh	168	490	-	-
Lostock Gralam	679	1973	-	-
Marbury	5	17	-	-
Marston	222	643	4	12
Marton	220	632	-	-
Moulton	649	1996	-	-
Nether Peover	159	461	-	-
Oakmere	168	487	-	-
Rudheath	1156	3349	-	-
Rushton	122	356	-	-
Sproston	69	197	-	-
Stanthorne	55	159	-	-
Tarporley	617	1782	-	-
Utkinton	207	603	-	-
Weaverham	2516	7298	1	3
Whatecroft	18	52	-	-
Wimboldsley	50	145	-	-
Wincham	309	901	-	-
	14,483	42,230	8	24

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Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Divisional Health Department during 1969.

The year has been somewhat frustrating due to the shortage of medical, nursing and administrative staff and the delay in the completion of the County offices, clinic and handicapped persons unit in Northwich. Fortunately by the end of the year the end of many of the difficulties was in sight - the medical staff was up to strength, the Northwich development was confidently expected to be completed by April, 1970 and authority had been obtained for the appointment of a Senior Clerical Assistant. A full-time chiropodist had been appointed in addition to a very competent team to run the Office Service Unit in the new offices - a unit for which the Health Department is responsible. In addition, negotiations were well in hand for the attachment of nursing staff to general practitioners, whose response has been extremely encouraging.

As always great support and help has been given by local voluntary bodies, particularly the Northwich & District Branch of the Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Womens Royal Voluntary Service, Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped, Red Cross, Youth Centre Committee, Northwich Council of Social Service, and I would particularly wish to express my appreciation to all their members.

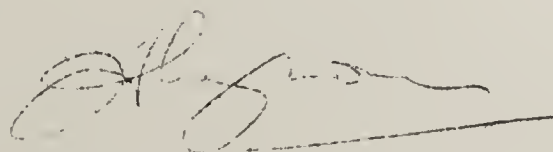
When the Handicapped Persons Unit is opened and fully operational the services for the physically handicapped will be greatly strengthened as will those for the mentally ill, as it is hoped to share many of the facilities with patients convalescing from a mental illness.

There remains one major section of work in the Division which could and should be expanded considerably and that is the whole range of Health Education, a most important and relatively undeveloped aspect of preventive medicine.

Finally ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to you for your friendship, advice and support during my period in Mid-Cheshire and also to the staff for their loyal support.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant



Divisional Medical Officer.

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Area Welfare Officer	
Area Children's Officer	
Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped	
N.S.P.C.C.	
Chief Public Health Inspectors	
Society for Mentally Handicapped Children (Northwich Branch)	
Moral Welfare	

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	- Mrs. K. M. Pointon
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County Chiropodist	- Mr. J. S. Holland, M.Ch.S., S.R.Ch.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

Superintendent	- Mr. H. Boocock, N.A.M.H. Dip. T.M.H.
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JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

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Castle	*Mrs. P. M. Waterman, Lingmel, Chester Road, G/Bank	Northwich 74544
Delamere	Vacant	
Davenham	Miss M. Buckley, 437 London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027
Gt. Budworth	Mrs. E. Burgess, Dunkerry, Gibb Hill, Antrobus	Comberbach 400
Hartford	*Mrs. S. Lancaster, 12 Riddings Lane, Hartford	Northwich 75685
Little Leigh	Miss E. M. Fishwick, 14 Brakeley Lane, Little Leigh.	Comberbach 275
Lostock	*Mrs R. Barrow, 11 Caldecott Close, Winsford (Temp.)	Winsford 3081
Gralam	*Mrs. L. M. Newsome, 20 Mere Road, Marston	Comberbach 425
Marston	Mrs. W. Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638
Middlewich	Mrs. M. Taylor, 32 Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350
	Mrs. V. M. Dutton, Walkers Green Farm, Sproston	Middlewich 2174
Moulton	Miss V. R. Watts, 21 Eaton View, Moulton	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss J. Rigby, The Cottage, Glebe Road, Cuddington	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs. M. Stewart, 10 Eaton Road, Tarporley	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	*Mrs. M. J. Jackson, 9 West Road, Weaverham	Weaverham 2278
	*Mrs. A. Webster, 'Sarnia', Cartledge Close, Cuddington.	Sandiway 2513
Winsford	*Mrs. O. E. Richardson, Sutton Mill, Middlewich	
	*Mrs. B. Thompson, 15 Townfield Crescent, Winsford	Winsford 2519
	*Mrs. F. Andrews, 37 John Street, Winsford	Winsford 2837
	*Mrs. J. Meadows, 8 Dee Way, Winsford	Winsford 2100
Witton	*Mrs. P. E. Edwards, 11 Woodlands Road, Hartford	Northwich 74588
Male Nurse	*Mr W. Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton &		
Little Leigh	*Mrs. M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton	
Middlewich	Miss G. M. Magee, 62 Sutton Oaks, Holmes Chapel	
Weaverham	*Mrs. D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford	Northwich 75097
Witton	*Mrs. G. Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich	Northwich 75049

*Indicates District Nurse Only.

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Vacant	
Weaverham	Mrs. R. Twiss, Epworth Cottage, Beech Road, Hartford	Northwich 74010
Winnington & Northwich	Miss D. I. Price, 38 Water Street, Northwich	Northwich 2314
Winsford	Mrs. J. Cross, 17 Conway Avenue, Winsford	Winsford 2047
	Miss I. A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford	Winsford 2548
	Miss P. M. Jones, 8 Wellfield, Wharton Road, Winsford	Winsford 2766
	Mrs. W. A. Place, 22 Fairfield Road, Leftwich, N/Wich	Northwich 3050

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CLINIC PROGRAMMES

BARNTON CLINIC The Memorial Hall, Lydyett Lane, Barnton, Tel. Northwich 75639

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Dentist - Tel: Northwich 75527

Dental Clinic - Monday a.m. & p.m.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays p.m.

Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DARLAND HOUSE CLINIC, Winnington Hill, Northwich Tel: Northwich 74643

Health Visitors - Mrs. Robertshaw, Mrs. James

Dentist - Mr. Hurst & Miss Robinson

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m.

Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.

Speech Therapy - Monday and Wednesday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Tuesday a.m. and p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham

Health Visitor - Miss Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursday p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beech Road, Hartford

Health Visitor - Mrs. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.

Occasional Toddlers' Clinic (by arrangement)

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich

Health Visitor - Mrs. James

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Boys' Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I Harris

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

MIDDLEWICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. A. Lane, Miss M. Gourlay

Dentist - Mr. K. V. Shute. Tel: Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.

Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.

Screening Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m.

Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m. and 5th Thursday p.m.

Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alt. Wednesdays a.m. and p.m.

Midwives Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourlay

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement)
Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford

Health Visitor - Miss M. K. Murray

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Immunisation Sessions - 2nd Wednesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 3rd Thursday a.m.

RUDHEATH CLINIC, Shurlach Road, Rudheath, Northwich.

Health Visitor - Mrs. I. Harris

Dentist - Mr. R. H. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
*(Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
(Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Alternate Wednesday a.m.
(Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Monday p.m.
(Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m. Occasional Tues a.m.
(E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday p.m.
(Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday a.m.
(" " (Mrs. Martin) Alternate Mondays a.m.
(Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway

Health Visitor - Mrs. M. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangement)

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. R. Davies

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (alternate months)
Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.
Relaxation Class - Thursday p.m.

WEAVERHAM CLINIC, Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel. Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. E. E. Conlin

Dentist - Mrs. Scanlon

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd and 4th Friday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebral Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a.m. and p.m. and Monday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday p.m. Mon, Tues. Wedn. Thurs. Fri. a.m.
Child Guidance Clinic - Monday, Tuesday a.m. and p.m.

WEAVER STREET CLINIC, 98 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel: Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J. M. Gassick and Miss M. K. Murray

Dentist - Mr. Hurst

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. and p.m.
Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m. (Mrs. Martin) Alt Monday a.m.
Immunisation Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Mothers' Club - 2nd Monday p.m.

WHARTON CLINIC, Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford. Tel: Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M. Brown and Mrs. J. Moger

Dentist - Miss Robinson

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Eye Clinic - 2nd and 4th Thursday p.m. 2nd Tuesday a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation Clinic - every Wednesday p.m.
Cervical Smear Clinic - every Tuesday a.m. Occasional Friday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday and Thursday a.m. and p.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination Clinic - 1st Wednesday a.m.

* Clinics in brackets temporarily held at Darland House pending opening of new Clinic Centre.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

As described in detail in last year's report increasing emphasis is being laid on the less frequent but more detailed and regular examination of babies and young children at Child Health Clinics. The implementation of this policy has led as expected to a decrease in the number of attendances of babies attending Child Welfare Clinics. On the other hand an increase was expected in the numbers seen in the 1-5 year age groups. This was not achieved because of a shortage of medical staff and the limited amount of clinic space available in Northwich following the demolition of Parkfield Clinic and the delay in the opening of the new Northwich Clinic.

	<u>NEW CASES</u>		<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCES</u>					
	<u>0 - 1 year</u>		<u>0 - 1 year</u>		<u>1 - 2 years</u>		<u>2 - 5 years</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Barnton	83	70	1,044	856	176	97	27	11
Comberbach	11	7	93	47	37	12	29	16
Davenham	35	19	363	192	122	74	37	37
Hartford	78	59	571	408	90	117	62	55
Leftwich	53	28	420	217	86	17	33	11
Lostock	45	32	391	242	100	42	107	36
Middlewich	181	113	1,594	1,154	258	219	79	60
Moulton	30	39	276	318	105	26	19	18
Darland House	130	71	1,288	881	218	134	203	48
Rudheath	143	128	1,021	748	231	86	107	36
Sandiway	146	60	1,609	487	255	80	30	37
Tarporley	60	29	646	256	140	69	65	50
Weaverham	76	104	417	1,237	52	188	70	71
Winsford	151	122	1,633	341	300	75	127	80
Winsford - Over	115	175	648	558	127	81	63	72
Winsford - Wharton	226	165	1,924	1,105	245	145	82	126
	<u>1,533</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>13,938</u>	<u>9,047</u>	<u>2,542</u>	<u>1,453</u>	<u>1,140</u>	<u>764</u>

Whilst the sale of vitamin supplements remained about the same, there was a considerable drop in the sale of National Dried Milk during the year.

Proprietary foods were not sold during 1969 and many of the Welfare Food sale points were taken over by members of the W.R.V.S. We are very grateful to all the voluntary workers who assist in the running of the clinics.

Welfare Food Sales

<u>Year</u>	<u>Value of Sales</u> <u>Proprietary Foods</u> <u>Sold only at Clinics.</u>	<u>National</u> <u>Dried Milk</u> <u>(tins)</u>	<u>Orange</u> <u>Juice</u> <u>(btl's)</u>	<u>Cod</u> <u>Liver</u> <u>Oil (btl's)</u>	<u>A. & D.</u> <u>Tablets (pkts)</u>
1969	Nil	3,802	14,623	942	1,110
1968	£5,263	6,250	13,980	961	1,092
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINIC

There was a 27% increase in the numbers attending clinics during 1969. This increase was no doubt largely due to several articles on this subject in local newspapers together with a campaign by the County Council to encourage their own employees to have cervical smear tests taken. In addition all nursing staff were supplied with application forms and information leaflets which they distributed amongst their clients in the community.

Work continues in the County Health Department on the detailed arrangements for a computer organised scheme which it is hoped will be implemented in 1970. Following this all women in the area will receive a personal invitation to attend their own doctor or local authority clinic for this service and by these means it is anticipated that a considerable increase in the numbers of patients attending will be achieved.

	<u>Factory Sessions</u>		<u>Darland House & Parkfield Clinics, Northwich</u>		<u>Wharton Clinic, Winsford</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
No. of Sessions held	10	4	59	68	24	41	93	113
No. of new patients who attended	133	30	462	432	222	388	817	850
Total Attendances	133	30	554	652	224	501	911	1,183
Results of Examinations:-								
(a) Nothing Abnormal	133	30	553	641	214	490	900	1,161
(b) For further investigation	-	-	1	6	10	9	11	15
(c) Number in (b) found positive	-	-	1	5	3	1	4	6

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infective Hepatitis was endemic during the year in Winsford, and there was a higher incidence than usual of Scarlet Fever in the Northwich Urban and Rural Districts, although there were not any localised epidemics.

Due to a variety of reasons it was not possible positively to confirm that the illness in the 13 cases of food poisoning were in fact food borne - however it was probable from the circumstances of each case. In all eighty seven cases of suspected food poisoning were notified by one practice but in only eleven cases was it considered that food poisoning was a possibility.

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1968 and 1969:-

	1968					1969				
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	-	-	-	10	10	1	-	-	1	2
Measles	398	117	9	104	628	22	28	-	98	148
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	4	-	1	2	7	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	20	-	-	5	25	49	1	-	13	63
Respiratory Tuberculosis	4	3	-	-	7	1	1	-	1	3
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1
Whooping Cough	4	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	2	3	-	13	-	-	13
Paratyphoid Fever	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Puerpral Pyrexia	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious Hepatitis	3	7	-	2	12	2	23	-	5	30
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1

TUBERCULOSIS

YEAR 1969	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.	R	N.R.
New Cases Notified (including Transfers)	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other removals from Register (left District etc).	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
No. on Register at the end of 1968	19	4	28	4	10	2	35	1
No. on Register at the end of 1969	19	4	29	4	10	2	34	3

R. - Respiratory

N.R. - Non Respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Primary Protection - Smallpox Vaccination

Following the increase in the number of smallpox vaccinations reported in 1968 it is disappointing to note the quite considerable drop in numbers in 1969, this in spite of the computer organised scheme.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Polio

The decrease in the number of children protected was expected due to a change in the programme, completion of protection being delayed until fourteen months. We can confidently expect this number to return to normal next year.

Measles

There was a drop in the number of children vaccinated against this disease due to a shortage of vaccine following withdrawal of vaccine produced by one manufacturer. I hope that this will not have a serious effect on the acceptance of measles vaccination by parents as soon as production of the other type of vaccine is increased. This is a perfectly satisfactory vaccine and will give good protection against a disease which whilst quite common can leave very serious after effects in a small proportion of children who have suffered from it.

Booster Protection

It is pleasing to note that the high level of booster immunisations achieved during the year. The increase is mainly due to additional clerical time being available to perform the preliminary administrative work. I would however like to express my appreciation to the General Practitioners, Sessional Doctors and Head Teachers who have so readily co-operated in the organisation of this scheme

Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Smallpox Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1968	1969	1968	1969
Diphtheria	14	5	97	140
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1,253	486	782	421
Diphtheria/Tetanus	137	145	483	706
Tetanus	648	375	190	403
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,359	747	1,346	1,868
Salk Vaccine	-	-	-	1
Smallpox:-				
Under 1 year	8	18	-	1
1-5 years	876	622	51	8
School Children	57	21	23	14
Measles	<u>1,117</u>	<u>481</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>5,469</u>	<u>2,900</u>	<u>2,972</u>	<u>3,562</u>

Total Number of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, Polio and Measles

Year	Total by G.P.'s	Total by Local Authority	Combined Total
1968	4,598	3,845	8,443
1969	3,168	3,294	6,462

1967	2,950	children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1968	2,866	children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1969	1,903	children received primary or booster against Diphtheria

1967	3,994	children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1968	3,493	children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1969	2,536	children received primary or booster against Tetanus

1967	3,444	children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1968	2,705	children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1969	2,616	children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis

B.C.G. VACCINATION

Details of children receiving B.C.G.:-

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents Consenting	Percentage Abs. for tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84
1967	1,516	87	7	20	80
1968	1,598	89	10	16	84
1969	1,769	84	10	15	85

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

It is a great pleasure once again to express my sincere appreciation to the voluntary helpers, particularly the members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped and British Red Cross Society, who enable these important social services to function. A special mention should also be made of the club members themselves who are to an increasing extent taking a keen and creative part in running the social club.

Great disappointment was felt over the delay in completing the new Handicapped Persons Unit but present hopes are that it will be ready in April, 1970. It will then be possible to start work therapy sessions and widen, even more the scope of our services.

During the year 133 persons were added to the Physically Handicapped Persons Register.

CAR BADGES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive, upon application, two stick-on badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badge does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

Thirteen adaptations to homes were completed during the year and twenty three other adaptations were in progress at the end of the year.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

The following chart shows the total number of items issued during the year:-

<u>EQUIPMENT ISSUED</u>		
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number of items of equipment ..	636	753
loaned.		
Number of underpads and		
interliners issued	27,600	43,272

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

This year there was a decrease in the number of hours worked although the number of cases increased.

In the past Mid-Cheshire has had a smaller number of cases per 1,000 population receiving a larger number of hours per case than the County as a whole. This change in the pattern of service will therefore tend to bring certain statistical features of the service more in line with the County average. The reasons for the changes are complex.

1. A need to restrict expenditure to the minimum compatible with giving a reasonably adequate service.
2. A positive attempt from the management point of view to reduce expenditure during the period April to December to ensure that sufficient financial resources are available during the months of greatest need i.e. January to March. The benefits of this policy will be felt in 1970.
3. Patients liable to pay the standard charge for the service have been encouraged to make private arrangements wherever possible.
4. An increased provision of special housing and residential accommodation.
5. The death on transfer to hospital etc. of several patients who required a large number of hours help per week.

In an effort to reduce insurance costs home helps were encouraged to work 20 hours or more per week or alternatively 14 hours or less per week. The chart below gives statistical details of the service.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at the end of the year:--

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
a. Whole time	Nil	Nil
b. Part-time	102	87
c. Equivalent whole time	32	28

	1968		1969	
	Cases	Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked
Aged & Infirm	396	62934	423	58071
Others	19	1129	10	441
Confinements	7	142	8	161
	422	64205	441	58673

Income: £2,846 £2,634

Night-Sitting - Four patients were provided with this service during 1969.

CHIROPODY SERVICE

There was an increase in the number of patients classed as being unfit to attend the chiropodists surgery. This has led to an increase in expenditure and is a matter which will have to be kept under review. The appointment of the County Councils own chiropodist for the area in 1970 may help to reverse this trend as he will be seeing patients at a number of County Council Clinics which may well be near enough to patients homes to enable them to attend his surgery, thus obviating the need for a domiciliary visit.

	<u>Over 65</u>				<u>Physically Handicapped</u>			
	<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>		<u>Patients</u>		<u>Treatments</u>	
	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Surgery	374	253	1,830	1,726	9	9	44	32
Home Visit	462	525	1,831	2,112	27	29	118	104

	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees	759	698
Number of cases in which County Council paid half fees	113	118

MID-CESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Junior Training Centre

There were eighty children on role, the greater number being at the lower end of the School and it appears that this will be the pattern for the next few years. The appointment of a Nursery Attendant has been of great benefit to the infants as she has been able to relieve the teachers of considerable non-teaching duties.

The demountable classroom has been moved nearer to the main building to make room for an extension for two - five year old children. This new extension will be a most valuable addition to the Centre's facilities enabling children to benefit from early entry. Visits have been made by the School Medical Officer, Dental Officer and the Health Visitor as required and the Dental Surgeon at Cranage Hospital has offered his services when necessary. Parents have been delighted with the latter arrangement because of the difficulties which had been experienced previously in obtaining dental care for certain children.

Visits into the community are arranged as often as possible as part of the social training programme. Several functions were held during the year including a successful Sports Day with Altrincham Junior Training Centre. The majority of the children enjoyed a day at Belle Vue in the summer and as usual the Hall was filled to capacity for the Christmas Concert.

Children went to the baths between March and October and at the end of this period four could swim a width unaided. Provided that parental consent is obtained all the members of the top class and certain other children are given the opportunity of visiting the baths.

Successful parents evenings have been held each term and parents are very appreciative of these. In addition parents receive personal invitations to discuss their child with the teacher and supervisor, this being extremely beneficial to all concerned.

Adult Training Centre

Social education is now carried out on a one to one basis and it is hoped by this staffing ratio to accelerate the progress trainees make. Elementary cooking, budgeting and kitchen hygiene play an important part in the Centre programme and both sexes participate.

During May a party from the Centre enjoyed a week's holiday at Blackpool. This proved to be a huge success and a booking has already been made for June, 1970. Christmas festivities included a party provided by the Mid-Cheshire branch of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children and a very competent performance of the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' given by the trainees.

Swimming continued to be a popular activity during the summer months and it is pleasing to note that a large number of trainees have now developed a high standard of competence.

A new development during the year was the Adventure Outings which were initiated by the Area Mental Welfare Officer. These took place at a cottage in North Wales kindly loaned by the Cheshire Association of Boys Clubs. Two outings took place each with six mentally handicapped adolescents, the boys being assisted by two police cadets and the girls by three girls from Hartford County Secondary School. Each party was accompanied by a Mental Welfare Officer. The purpose was to encourage a degree of independence under somewhat difficult conditions by getting the participants to plan and cook their own meals, shopping etc. taking part in walks and entertaining themselves in the evenings. The outings were greatly enjoyed and it is hoped to organise something similar again next year. The arrangements were made in co-operation with the Mid-Cheshire Branch of the National Association for Mentally Handicapped Children, the Cheshire Association of Boys Clubs and the Northwich & District Youth Club.

During 1969 trading activities increased and continued to provide a basis for instruction in the acquisition of good social and work habits. Types of work undertaken include plastic toy assembly and packing, assembly of quality wooden toys, electrical components, manufacture of wood forts and the jointing of foam carpet underlay.

Community & Domiciliary Services

The membership of the Social Club for the Mentally Handicapped which is held at the Northwich & District Youth Centre has now reached 46. Many voluntary bodies continue to provide transport and young people in the area give of their time to help at the club. It is interesting to note in this connection that five Ranger guides are fulfilling their services in the community as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award by helping. Towards the end of the year the club lost the services of the Full-time Youth Leader, Mr. P. Belk, who left to take up an appointment in Derbyshire. Mr. Belk who has shared the leadership of the club with Mr. Davies one of the Mental Welfare Officers gave valuable service in the running of the club and organising the programme.

The Mental Welfare Officers work closely with the Psychiatrists of the Hospital service and also with General Practitioners. During the year they dealt with 95 new referrals from Psychiatrists and 121 new referrals from General Practitioners. In conjunction with the General Practitioner and other social workers their work is primarily concerned with alleviating problems of a social nature which might be contributing to the poor functioning or illness of an individual or family. Practical and material help is often given and many voluntary societies have been of assistance when people who are socially isolated have been helped.

Within the Health Department the Mental Welfare Officer needs to be frequently in touch with the Health Visitors, District Nurses and Public Health Inspectors; he works too as part of a team with the Children's and Welfare Departments, Department of Labour and Productivity and Department of Health & Social Security. Within this frame-work regular case discussions and conferences are held so that the right kind of help can be determined and given immediately to each case referred.

The Russett Friendship Club held at Weaverham continues to meet the social needs of those who have had a nervous disorder and a measure of the success of this club lies in the fact that the club now meets weekly at the Clinic premises on a Monday and has a membership of thirty one.

APPENDIX

HEALTH SERVICES

Details of Clubs etc. for the Physically Handicapped - further information being available on request from the Divisional Medical Officer:-

Handicrafts
Social Club
Music & Art
Swimming
Work Centre

Information concerning Cervical Smear Clinics, Domestic Help Service, Chiropody Treatment, Convalescence, Vaccination and Immunisation and services for the Physically Handicapped is also obtainable from the Divisional Medical Office, Tel. No. Northwich 74251/2.

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER

- Mr. G. H. Howard, C.S.W.
Brunner Guildhall,
High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 3346 and
Winsford 3787

Details of Clubs etc. for the Mentally Handicapped - further information being available from Mr. Howard:-

Thursday Club - Northwich & District Youth Centre,
Winnington Hill, Northwich (Weekly).

Play Group - Junior Training Centre, David Street,
Northwich. (Monthly).

Russett Social Club - Weaverham Clinic, Church Lane,
Weaverham. (Weekly).

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Area Welfare Officer

Miss J. Scott,
Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich
Tel. No. Northwich 3951

Area Children's Officer Children's Department.

Mr. R. T. Needham,
Winnington House, Northwich
Tel. No. Northwich 75243

Chief Public Health Inspectors:-

Mr. J. S. Carrie,
Northwich Rural District Council,
Council Offices, Whitehall,
Hartford, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 74274

Mr. T. H. Rogerson,
Winsford Urban District Council,
Over Hall, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2021

Mr. T. Baines,
Northwich Urban District Council,
The Council House, Church Road,
Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2334

Mr. F. C. Costello,
Middlewich Urban District Council,
Lewin Street, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 2571

Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped

Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson,
'Little Moss', Cinder Hill, Whitegate,
Northwich.
Tel. No. Sandiway 2215

N.S.P.C.C.

Inspector A. R. Moores,
12 Moss Road, Winnington, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 74134

Moral Welfare

Miss E. M. Mann,
98 St. Georges Road, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2684

Darland House, Winnington Hill,
Northwich.
Monday a.m. and Thursday a.m.
Tel. No. Northwich 74643

FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association Clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Information regarding this service should be requested from:-

Northwich Urban District

The Centre Organiser (Mrs. J. Stott),
Home Address - The Laurels, Norley Road,
Cuddington. Tel. No. Sandiway 3361

Northwich Rural District

The Centre Organiser (Mrs. M. Crill),
Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge,
Northwich. Tel. No. Weaverham 3147

Winsford Urban District

The Centre Organiser, (Mrs. F. C. Heaton)
W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street,
Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2427

Middlewich Urban District

Mrs. R. W. Drake, (Meals-on-Wheels Office),
Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich.
Tel. No. Middlewich 3232.

Northwich Branch,
Society for Mentally Handicapped
Children

Mrs. G. Preece,
61 Bradbury Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held as follows:-

(a) Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Davenham, Sandiway and Hartford.

(b) Middlewich.

(c) Winsford.

Applications to:-

(a) Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393

(b) Miss Barry, 77 King Street, Middlewich,
Tel. No. Middlewich 2657

(c) Mrs. F. C. Heaton, W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2427.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Council of Social Service and
Citizens Advice Bureau,
Northwich.

Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum,
Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393

Citizens Advice Bureau,
Winsford.

Mrs. Gott,
Town Bridge, 2 High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2706

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS

Barnton Old Friends' Club,
Lydyett Lane, Barnton

Mrs. Seabury,
16 Broadway, Barnton, Northwich.

Castle & Winnington Old Friends'
Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate,
Northwich.

Mrs. Shaw,
7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich.

Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's
Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach,
Northwich.

Mrs. Kellett,
'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach,
Northwich.

Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends'
Club, Church Hall, Sandiway,
Northwich.

Mrs. Tomkinson,
'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway,
Northwich.

Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S.
Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst
Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Edwards,
Abbey Way, Hartford, Northwich.

Davenham Old Friends' Club,
Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields,
Davenham, Northwich.

Mrs. Rowe,
29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.

Hartford Over 60's Club,
Hartford Church Hall,
Hartford, Northwich.

Mrs. Sinclair,
Malvern, Heyshams Avenue, Hartford,
Northwich.

Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club,
Farm of the Good Shepherd,
Leftwich, Northwich.

Mrs. Simpson,
3 Lower Darwin Street, Castle,
Northwich.

Lostock Gralam Monday Club,
Lostock Social Club, Lostock,
Northwich.

Mrs. Morris,
3 Prospect Drive, Davenham, Northwich.

Moulton Old Friends' Club,
Moulton Church Hall, Moulton,
Northwich.

Mrs. Corwood,
Mere Bank House, Davenham, Northwich.

Northwich Pensioners' Association,
Gladstone Club, Northwich.

Mr. Hornbuckle,
3 St. John's Close, Rudheath, Northwich

Rudheath Old Friends' Club,
Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.

Mrs. Stubbs,
'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath,
Northwich.

Tarporley Autumn Club, Community
Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.

Mrs. Wilkinson,
Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley.

Weaverham Old Friends' Club,
Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham,
Northwich.

Mrs. Marshall,
56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham, Northwich.

Whitegate Old Friends' Club,
Whitegate Recreation Club,
Whitegate, Northwich.

Mrs. Leadbeater,
'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate,
Northwich.

Wincham Old Friends' Club,
Wincham Church School,
Wincham, Northwich.

Miss Atherton,
Green Lane, Wincham, Northwich.

Witton - Darby & Joan Club,
Bourne Methodist School Room,
Witton Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Skellon,
46 Victoria Road, Northwich.

Winnington House Veterans' Club,
Castle Park Dairies, Castle, Northwich

Mr. Hatton,
'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane, Barnton,
Northwich.

Golden Years, Air Cadets Headquarters,
Off Queen Street, Northwich.

Mrs. Croft,
403 London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

Over 60's Club, The Institute,
Queen Street, Middlewich

Mrs. M. Hall,
75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

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Darby & Joan Club,
Grange Court, Winsford.

Mrs. J. Hulse,
221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

Darby & Joan Club,
Willow Wood Community Centre,
Winsford.

Mrs. J. Hulse,
221 Crook Lane, Winsford.

Evergreen Club,
The Community Centre, Grange
Estate, Winsford.

Mrs. M. Coyne,
38 Moss Bank, Winsford.

Monday Club,
Willow Wood Community Centre,
Wharton, Winsford.

Mrs. Marshall,
'Wersencroft House', Crook Lane,
Winsford.

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